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FREDERICKSBURG POLICE OFFICERS RIDING IN POLICE UNITY TOUR

On Monday, May 11, the Virginia chapter of the Police Unity Tour, consisting of over 300 riders and support crew members, will ride through the City of Fredericksburg with a scheduled stop at Police Headquarters. Six members of the Fredericksburg Police Department are riding in the Tour this year in honor and memory of Officer Todd Allen Bahr, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on June 6, 2008.

The Unity Tour is scheduled to enter Fredericksburg via Jefferson Davis Hwy (Route 1) at approximately 2:40 pm, with a 20 minute stop at Police Headquarters (2200 Cowan Blvd) from 2:50 pm to 3:10 pm. After leaving HQ, the Tour will briefly detour to ride past the site off Cowan Blvd where Officer Bahr was shot and killed. The Tour will then return to Route 1 and continue northward into Stafford County. **The Police Unity Tour will have a motorcycle and support vehicle escort throughout its route and will occupy the right travel lane of Route 1 while traveling through Fredericksburg. Motorists are urged to exercise due caution and drive at a reduced rate of speed when passing the Tour. Moderate delays are to be expected.**

The Police Unity Tour was first organized in 1997 to raise awareness of law enforcement officers who have lost their lives while protecting their communities, and to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Through fundraisers and generous private contributions, the Fredericksburg team for this year's Police Unity Tour has collected over \$13,000 in donations for the benefit of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Monday is the second leg of the 250 mile route of the Virginia chapter of the Tour, which commences in Chesapeake, Virginia on May 10 and ends in Washington D.C. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Tuesday, May 12.

The Fredericksburg Police Department team members are: Sergeant William Hallam, Corporal Mike Presutto, Officers Ted Hartung, Ted Marrs, Barry Taylor, and Julie Keene, and support crew members Officer Tracy Ulmer and Ms. Debbie Marrs.

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